

**High School Lesson 2**

**Quote #2**

“....The only power, therefore, which the president possesses, where the 'life, liberty or property' of a private citizen is concerned, is the power and duty prescribed in the third section of the second article, which requires 'that he shall take care that the laws shall be faithfully executed. To Lincoln, it was more important to risk a temporary violation of the Constitution than allow the nation to be permanently destroyed.”

**Excerpt from Justice Taney’s ruling in *Ex Parte Merryman*, U.S. Supreme Court April Term 1861: 17f.cas.144 (1861)**